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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	10/657,126
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 - b. ☒ Enclosed
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 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☒ Other: Petition for Withdrawal of Election Requirement
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 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of __ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) **required**)
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 - iii. ☒ Other: Petition for Withdrawal of Election Requirement, a fee of **\$130.00** is required under 37 CFR 1.17(h)

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